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LIBERTY



In Texas an Army lieutenant was sentenced to two years imprisonment at hard labor and given a dishonorable discharge for participating, during off-duty hours and in civilian dress, in a Vietnam protest demonstration.



In Connecticut a man was arrested without warrant, denied counsel, interrogated for 3 days, and convicted on the basis of a forced confession.



In Washington, D.C. a veteran of World War II was denied benefits for service-connected disabilities because of his public statements in 1950-51 criticizing American prosecution of the Korean War.



In Louisiana's Orleans Parish, containing 181,775 Negro residents, no Negro had ever served on a jury empanelled to try a Negro defendant and only one Negro had ever served on a jury trying any defendant.



In New York a woman was arrested for possession of narcotics and detained for 21 days—16 of which were after the police lab reported the "narcotics" were vitamin pills.



In California a school bus driver was dismissed from his job because of his fundamentalist religious beliefs.

Every time a constitutional right is denied a man or a woman in America, a chip is knocked out of the edifice of our liberties. The American Civil Liberties Union is involved in over 400 such cases throughout the country. And it doesn't matter how humble, or eccentric, or even downright ornery the individual involved may be. For, as John Lilbourne said over three centuries ago, "What is done unto anyone, may be done unto every one."

For 47 years the ACLU has been shoring up, rebuilding, and at times extending the structure of our freedom. Today, when powerful forces are rallying to turn back the clock on many victories for freedom won over the last decade, we need at least 10,000 new members who will stand firm against any attempts on the Bill of Rights.

You are invited to join with almost 100,000 fellow Americans who defend the constitutional liberties of all by battling for the rights of individuals.

Join with us today as a \$10 member, but join with whatever you can. By mailing the above envelope you will help keep America a home of freedom.

John de J. Pemberton, Jr.
Executive Director

(Over, please)

During the 43 years of its existence the American Civil Liberties Union has played a significant role in defending our basic democratic freedoms. Your voice has always been raised clearly and sharply when our liberties have been threatened. America is a stronger nation for your uncompromising efforts.

—JOHN F. KENNEDY

During the span of years covered by your organization the American people have given increased attention to progress in the field of civil rights. . . . It is good to be reminded that the members of the American Civil Liberties Union and the overwhelming majority of my fellow citizens are working together in this field with steadfast vigor and understanding.

—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

The American Civil Liberties Union has an essential role at this critical time. It defends the rights of even the most despised to speak, to assemble, and to petition for redress of grievances. It protects the individual's constitutional guarantees of the right to counsel, to confrontation and to due process of law. It has come to symbolize racial justice and religious freedom.

—LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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Here is my \$_____ membership contribution to the work of the ACLU.

The American Civil Liberties Union needs and welcomes the support of all those—and only those—whose devotion to civil liberties is not qualified by adherence to Communist, Fascist, KKK, or other totalitarian doctrine.

Members listed above receive the Union's authoritative Annual Report on U.S. liberties and the monthly paper *Civil Liberties*. They are also entitled to single copies of some 25 other publications, without charge. Associate Members (students and the like), at \$3, receive *Civil Liberties* and the Annual Report. (Fifty cents of each dues contribution covers a subscription to *Civil Liberties* for one year.) By joining the national ACLU, you will become a member of any active local ACLU affiliate in your area, except in Northern California, where the local organization maintains its membership separately. However, the national ACLU also welcomes support from members in Northern California.

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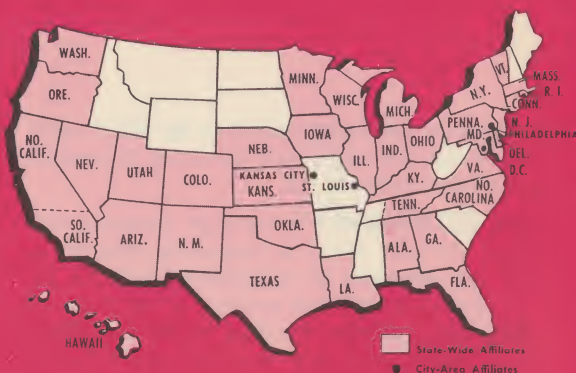
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The 40 State and City Affiliates of the ACLU



By joining the national ACLU, you will join the affiliate in your area and participate in the defense of civil liberties on the local scene. (Except in Northern California where separate membership is maintained. However, the national ACLU also welcomes support from members in Northern California.)

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ACLU

"The American Civil Liberties Union...has been praised for its work by such men as President Truman, Thomas E. Dewey and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The ACLU is a group which fights for the rights of men everywhere to free speech, fair trial and equality before the law. Its leadership is as far removed from communism as General MacArthur himself..."

—The Atlanta Constitution

"The Civil Liberties Union...has defended the rights of free speech, free press, religious freedom, and academic freedom for all sorts of political groups and individuals—including race-baiters, semi-fascists, Communists, and other reactionaries as well as liberals..."

—The Des Moines Register

"'I do not agree with a word you say,' said Voltaire, 'but will defend to the death your right to say it.' It would be hard to find a more searching test of the genuineness of democratic sentiments than is implicit in this famous dictum. And it would be equally hard to find an organization that subjects itself to this test more often and more willingly than does the American Civil Liberties Union..."

—The Christian Science Monitor

ACLU's structure:

The American Civil Liberties Union is a national organization with headquarters in New York. It was founded in 1920 to combat violations of the Bill of Rights resulting from post war hysteria directed against political dissenters.

Among the founders were Roger Baldwin, Jane Addams, Clarence Darrow, John Dewey, Morris Ernst, Felix Frankfurter, Arthur Garfield Hays, Helen Keller, Rabbi Judah Magnes, Monsignor John Ryan, and Norman Thomas.

Today there are 40 regional affiliates with over 90,000 members. Affiliate chapters carry the work into the local communities.

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At this moment, someone nearby has been deprived of his constitutionally guaranteed rights. He may be someone very much like yourself, a decent citizen, arrested unjustly or held without bail; perhaps a teacher whose job has been threatened because of less than orthodox political views; or a member of a minority denied the right to live where he pleases. He may be **you**, tomorrow.

what are your rights?

Learn here how you can help
all Americans by taking
an active part in protecting
America's cherished liberties.

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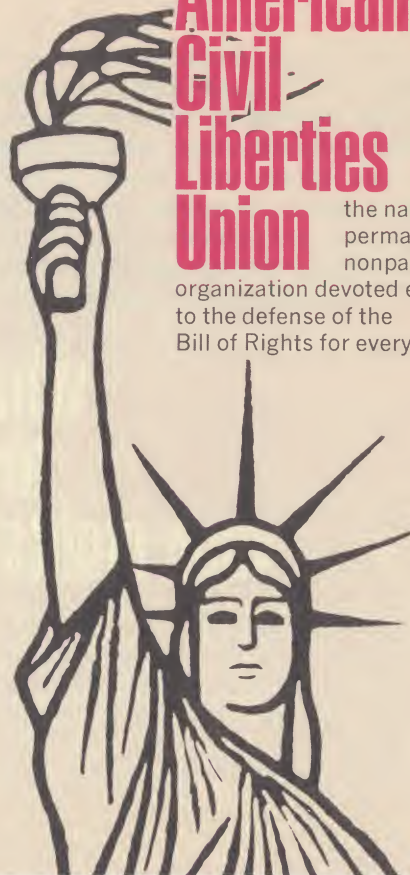
— John F. Kennedy

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— Dwight D. Eisenhower

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organization devoted exclusively
to the defense of the
Bill of Rights for everyone.



what is the ACLU?

The purpose of the American Civil Liberties Union—and its only purpose—is the preservation and strengthening of the freedoms guaranteed to us under the Bill of Rights.

There are many government officials, special interest groups, and private citizens who think our constitutional guarantees of freedom of inquiry and expression, due process of law, and equality before the law should be denied to certain citizens whom they consider undeserving. They believe they have the right to decide who is or is not "deserving."

ACLU believes, as our nation's founding fathers believed, that no one should have the privilege of deciding who is deserving of the rights guaranteed to us under the Constitution. These rights belong to all—**without exception.**

what we do

THE COURTS The everyday business of ACLU is helping people whose civil liberties have been violated.

Much of this work is in the courts. Each year, the ACLU enters into hundreds of court cases. We may supply counsel for the person whose civil liberties have been denied, or we may submit a "friend of the court" brief which argues the constitutional question at stake.

Many of the cases fought by the ACLU are of historic significance—such as the famed *Scopes v. State of Tennessee* "monkey trial." In recent years, ACLU and its affiliates have won many notable victories before the U.S. Supreme Court protecting rights of free speech, the right of peaceful protest, the right to counsel, freedom of the press and decisions banning religion in the public schools and the widespread evil of introducing illegally seized evidence in state courts.

Constant watchdog activities by ACLU affiliates across the nation are necessary to prevent unfair court procedures.

THE COMMUNITY Through contacts with public officials, ACLU is frequently able to secure the adoption of enlightened policies designed to protect and extend constitutional rights. For example, the ACLU of Greater Philadelphia some years ago secured the creation of the nation's first Police Review Board, an official agency to obtain redress for citizens aggrieved by unlawful police action.

When officials fail to take corrective action, ACLU can often be effective by arousing public interest. A noteworthy example is the report issued by the Illinois Division on "Secret Detention by the Chicago Police."

THE LEGISLATURE Many issues affecting civil liberties arise before the U.S. Congress and the various state legislatures.

ACLU has effectively supported anti-discrimination laws, legal assistance for the poor, the rights of Indian tribes and legislation to provide improved court procedures and reapportionment of state legislatures.

We have opposed loyalty oaths, magazine and film censorship, constitutional amendments designed to cripple the U.S. Supreme Court, the use of public funds for sectarian schools and curbs on academic freedom.

THE PUBLIC FORUM Educational efforts on behalf of the Bill of Rights are carried out through newspaper publicity, radio and TV appearances, pamphlets, and the regular bulletins of the ACLU. Many affiliates maintain active Speakers' Bureaus scheduling frequent appearances before church, civic, service and educational groups.